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which included a special windfall of Bh. Rs 6·84 lakhs on account of the refund by the British Government of the duty on tobacco referred to above. An improvement of Rs 1 lakh is anticipated in the ordinary Customs revenue. The institution of Debt Conciliation Boards is expected to result in a decrease of Stamp revenue to the extent of Rs ·64 of a lakh.

EXPENDITURE CHARGED TO REVENUE.

11. The demands of the several departments for expenditure during the next year have been carefully scrutinised both by the Government and the Standing Finance Committee and the grants fixed after a full consideration of the requirements and the available resources of the State. The total expenditure provided for in the budget for the next year is Rs 246·88 lakhs. This is in excess of the revised estimates of the current year by Rs 6·86 lakhs. I shall now deal with the more important items.

12. *Standardisation of Salaries.* With the object of granting relief to those who were hard hit by the revision of pay introduced as a result of the standardisation scheme, the rates of pay of low paid subordinates drawing Rs 100 and below have been revised with effect from 1st Chingom 1113. This revision is expected to involve ultimately an increase of about Rs. 93,000 per annum roughly. Estimates for 1113 have been prepared in accordance with the revised scales. It is hoped that this revision will remove the discontent existing in the ranks of the low paid subordinates, bring relief to about 7000 employees and result in the greater efficiency of the public service.

13. *Land Revenue.* The Jenmikaram Settlement work is nearing completion and provision is therefore made for its continuance only on a reduced scale during the coming year. An area of 10,000 acres of cardamom lands in Pallivasal Pakuthy is set apart for registry to *bona fide* Travancoreans at a concessional rate. The special survey party for the sub-division and survey of these lands, for the purpose of registry, will be continued. Provision is also made for the continuance of the temporary staff for checking Puduval Sub-division sketches and for clearing off the arrears in checking and closing survey records. The present temporary staff for the demarcation and survey of encroachments within the Cardamom Hills reserve is proposed to be continued for 6 months during 1113. As several special

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